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Major General John M. Willems  
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Dear General Willems,

As you probably have noted, we recently circulated to members of the Intelligence Board copies of the proposed terms of reference (USIB-D-13, 1-1, 27 August) to NIE 11-2-60, "The Soviet Atomic Energy Program", which were developed in your office.

We agree that it is desirable to give special consideration to the terms of reference and procedures for preparing this estimate. However, intelligence community staffing in JAEIC and in the Office of National Estimates (ONE) on the terms of reference for NIE 11-2-60 has not yet begun. Therefore, in the interest of giving proper Board and staff attention to your proposal while avoiding two separate Board considerations of the terms of reference, we have asked JAEIC and ONE in consultation with Board representatives to consider your proposal carefully and to submit staff views on the final terms of reference to the Intelligence Board. At the time of Board approval of the final terms of reference, full Board consideration will be given to your proposal and to the competent staff views.

I hope that this plan meets with your approval.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Deputy Director

cc: Chairman, Board of National Estimates  
Chairman, JAEIC

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